



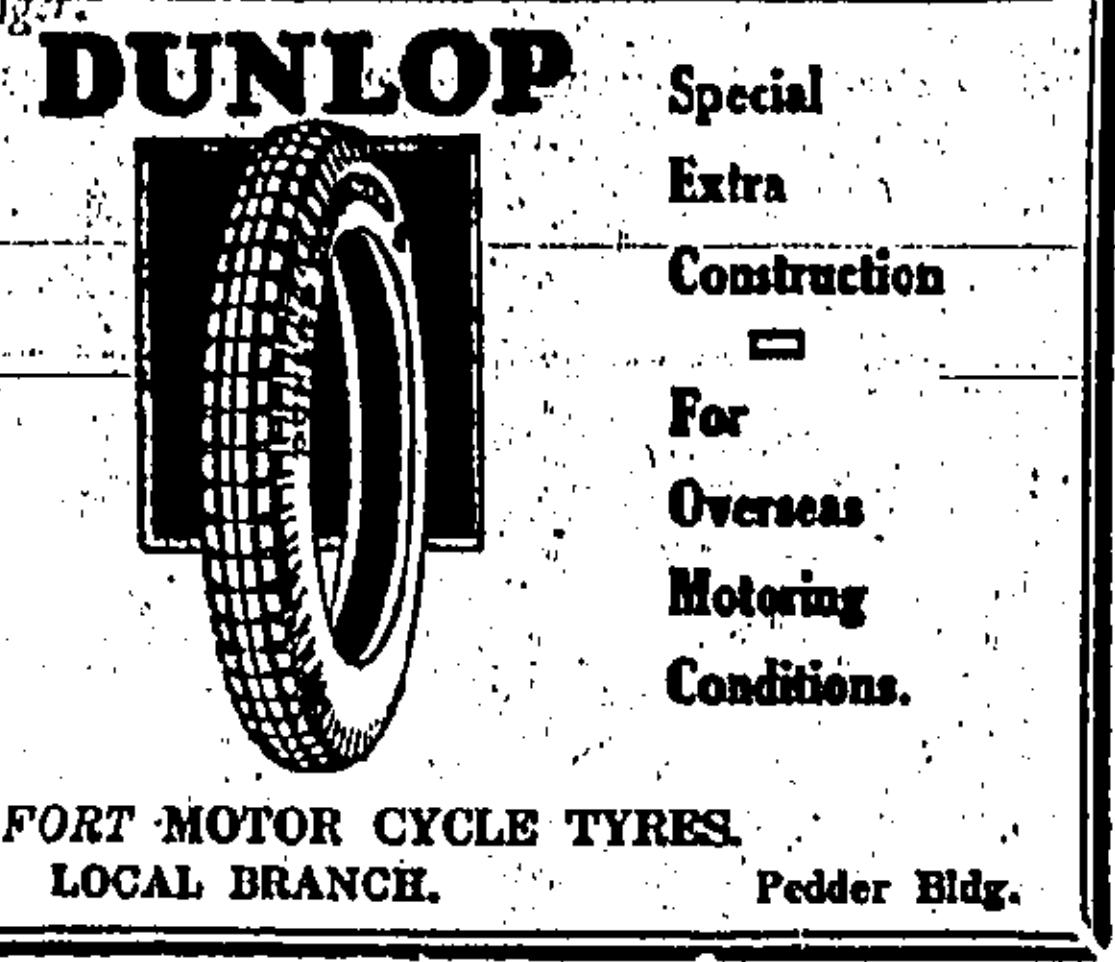
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## MURDER TRIAL NEARS THE END

### COUNSEL'S SPEECHES

MEDICAL EVIDENCE DESCRIBED AS "A TRAVESTY."

### MR. JENKIN'S "12 POINTS"

The trial of Wong Sik-cheung on a charge of murder in Yau-tai on April 1 reached its closing stages at the Assizes this morning, when counsel for both prosecution and defence addressed the jury. It is expected that the Chief Justice (Sir J. H. Kemp) will sum-up this afternoon.

The address turned largely upon the question of the admissibility or not of the medical evidence. Mr. Fitzroy for the Crown, emphasised that the medical evidence was adequate to prove death by strangulation. The post-mortem had been carefully conducted, with plenty of time taken over it, by a fully-trained and qualified man.

Mr. Fitzroy contended that the defence had suggested that the medical witness was incompetent to conduct a post-mortem, or to determine the cause of death.

### IMAGINATION OR TRUTH?

Replying for the defence, Mr. F. C. Jenkin referred to the medical evidence as "a travesty." He set up twelve points for the consideration of the jury, each of which he afterwards elaborated themselves.

Regarding the other evidence, Mr. Fitzroy suggested that prisoner's version of his own movements was a tissue of lies. It was incredible that three women, from different positions, should all imagine they saw what they had said they saw. Now was it likely that they could have all entered into a conspiracy to convict the prisoner.

In opening his address for the Crown, Mr. Fitzroy dealt with the evidence put forward in the case. It was not possible to get a story from several witnesses dealing with the same incident, he said, without a certain amount of difference in the versions. In this case there were certain extraordinary features concerning the light at the time of the struggle. Two witnesses had referred to the light as being on when certain things happened. Others had said it was not. But they had all explained in detail what they saw, or it might be what they thought they saw.

#### Medical Evidence.

As to the medical evidence, counsel said that the only medical witness in the case had the body laid before him. He had plenty of time to examine it carefully and to come to his decision. The Crown had put before the jury the only medical evidence obtainable. It was not a question of a difference of opinion between medical men.

The witness had said that at the time of examination of the body he was perfectly certain that death was due to strangulation. He was still perfectly certain, according to his evidence.

Mr. Fitzroy here reminded the jury that whatever the cause of death the prisoner might still be found guilty of murder.

#### Doctor Incompetent?

Dealing with the contentions of the defence, counsel said emphatically, "The defence, to all intents and purposes, it seems to me, put forward the suggestion that the doctor is incompetent to carry out his duties, and to say whether death was or was not due to strangulation. This is no use beating about the bush. That is what it appears to amount to."

Dr. Utley had dealt with over seven hundred post-mortems in the past few months. He had been practising for six years after the usual extensive period of training required of any doctor.

"Are you going to say, then, that this man cannot decide or not whether death was due to strangulation?" counsel asked the jury. "Are you going to set yourselves up against his evidence?"

"I am not going to say that he has been dead and there was no evidence of anything but strangulation," Dr. Utley's memory was liable to play tricks with him."

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### POSEIDON DISASTER FUND.

Navy's Thanks to the Public.

### LETTER FROM COMMODORE.

The following letter has been received by Mr. A. L. Shields, President of the Hong Kong branch of the Navy League, from Captain A. H. Walker, O.B.E., R.N., Commodore, Hong Kong, expressing the Navy's thanks to all concerned in the Poseidon Fund:

Sir, On behalf of the personnel of the Royal Navy at Hong Kong, I desire to convey our warmest gratitude to you, and, through you, to all those at Hong Kong who have subscribed so generously to the local Fund for the relief of distress arising out of the Poseidon disaster.

The manner in which all sections of the community have responded to the appeal is more than gratifying and is proof of the affection felt by Hong Kong for the Royal Navy.

Our thanks are also due to the Navy League for organising this Fund and to the Press for their valuable assistance in the matter.

I understand that, as in the case of the Sepoy disaster fund last year, the sum subscribed

will be remitted to the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust with the other witnesses, and the general line of defence, counsel said it would be rather difficult to believe that one man alone could have committed this particular crime. Every witness said they saw the father, Wong Kan, struggling with the victim. The prisoner had said that the Crown witnesses might have given evidence as they did because possibly they might have incriminated themselves.

"Why they should do this, is difficult to understand," said Mr. Fitzroy. "There was no mention of any grudge against the prisoner. And also, why should they all say the same thing, and conspire, for it amounts to a conspiracy, against the prisoner?"

#### Prisoner's "Lies."

The prisoner's story, that he woke up, and found the man Kau Shuk struggling with Wong Kan, crossed over with the intention of interfering, did nothing, and afterwards ran outside, seemed to counsel to be a tissue of lies.

It was absolutely incredible that three women living in different parts of the floor should all imagine that they saw things which they had said occurred in the room.

Counsel asked the jury to find that the man died of strangulation, and if they were satisfied that prisoner put the rope round his neck, whether with the intention to kill or not, he was liable for the consequences.

#### Speech for Defence.

Mr. Jenkin put his speech for the defence in a nutshell to the jury in the following twelve points which he mentioned at the opening and subsequently developed in the course of his address:

(1).—That suspicion, however great, is not sufficient.

(2).—That if there is a reasonable doubt the charge fails.

(3).—That where the general evidence is doubtful the absence of motive affords a strong presumption of innocence.

(4).—That the conduct of the prisoner after the event is very strongly in his favour. The disappearance of the father is significant.

(5).—That in their evidence the three women and the boy have not only seriously contradicted themselves, but are hopelessly at variance one with the other.

(6).—That the extent of the "grip" on the neck entirely disposes of the women who speak of seeing the rope used.

(7).—That the boy's evidence has been lied to and there was no evidence of anything but strangulation.

(8).—That although death by strangulation is liable to be caused by a single blow on the head, there is no evidence of this having occurred.

### CRISIS OF GERMAN REICHSBANK.

President Seeks a Loan from Britain.

### VISIT TO LONDON.

London, Yesterday. On arrival in London Dr. H. Luther, President of the Reichsbank, immediately entrained for the Continent in company with Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, who left for Basle.—Reuter.

Extension of Credits.

Rugby, Yesterday. Dr. Luther, the President of

The portrait shows a man with dark hair, wearing a suit and tie, looking slightly to the side.

Dr. M. Luther.

the German Reichsbank, arrived at Croydon by aeroplane before lunch and had a two-hour conference with the German Ambassador before leaving again at three o'clock for Paris by train. He will then proceed to Basle for a meeting of the International Bank.

It is assumed that Dr. Luther's conversations were in connection with the prolongation and extension of credits for the Reichsbank. It is understood that Dr. Luther was accompanied on the train as far as Dover by Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, who is on his way to Basle, and the financial and economic situation in Germany was discussed.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.

London, Yesterday. The Reichsbank President, Dr. Luther, has arrived at Croydon by air to submit a proposal to the British banks, particularly the Bank of England, for a loan of £50,000,000 for Germany, which it is essential to receive promptly.

Dr. Luther has left for Paris.—Reuter.

### KAYE DON BREAKS HIS OWN RECORD.

Speed of 110 Miles Per Hour Reached on Lake MISS ENGLAND II'S FEAT.

Lake Garda, Italy. The British racing motorist, Kaye Don, piloting Miss England II, created a new world's speed-boat record to-day with 110.25 miles an hour, beating his own world's record of 108.49 on the Parana River, Buenos Aires, on April 8.

Kaye Don's new world's speed-boat record was 110 miles per hour.

Higher Speeds Possible.

London, Yesterday. Kaye Don, interviewed by telephone at Garda from London, said that the establishment of this new record had been very easy.

He had been experimenting with different sizes of propellers since the engine was remodled and had now struck the best combination of gear ratio and size of propeller.

He did not mean to say that we had reached the speed limit for motor boats. Miss England II was probably capable of even higher speeds.

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### OUR TOO PEACEFUL RULE IN INDIA.

Authorities Blamed for Lack of Force.

### UNDUE RETICENCE.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, at the request of Conservatives, a discussion took place on Indian affairs with particular reference to the Cawnpore riots, Burma, and the economic boycott.

Lord Irwin, the late Viceroy, was present in the distinguished strangers' gallery.

Lord Winterton, referring to the disturbances in Chittagong, Cawnpore, and the scope of the outbreak in Burma, said that anxiety was increased by undue reticence on the part of the Secretary for India and his failure, which he blamed, to insist on a display and use of force which had action been taken at the outset, would have saved many valuable lives.—British Wireless Service.

### FLIGHT TO JAPAN FRUSTRATED.

Mishap to 'Plane Whilst Re-Fuelling in Air.

### FORCED TO DESCEND.

Solomon, Alaska, Yesterday.

A mishap in an attempt to refuel in mid air compelled Robbins and Jones to descend, and thus frustrated their effort to make a direct flight to Tokyo.

Earlier News.

Fairbanks (Alaska), Yesterday. The American aviators Robbins and Jones have arrived over Fairbanks where the first re-fuelling in the air is now proceeding.

Robbins and Jones in their plane "Fort Worth" arrived near the scheduled time, and the re-fuelling plane successfully established contact at a height of a thousand feet, several hundred gallons of petrol being transferred and the "Fort Worth" being given weather reports as the two machines circled the town.

It is expected that the re-fuelling plane will pick up more petrol at Solomon, and accompany the "Fort Worth" across the Bering Sea for a second re-fuelling.

Name, Alaska, Yesterday. The "Fort Worth" has passed over here and is now heading for the Bering Sea.—Reuter's American Service.

Later.

KAYE DON BREAKS HIS OWN RECORD.

Joins the Nationalist Leader.

### CAMPAIGN AGAINST BRUENING.

Berlin, Yesterday.

It is announced that the Nazi leader Hitler and the Nationalist leader Hugenberg have officially joined forces in a fight to the finish in the campaign against the Bruening Government's policy of fulfilment and reparations, in spite of the evident collapse of the Nation and its economic life.

This decision practically means that Hugenberg's party, with 41 members in the Reichstag, will become the vassal of Hitler's 107 Nazis.—Reuter.

### WORKERS' WAGES TO BE CUT.

Ten Per Cent Reduction Scheme of Meads, Coats.

### FULL-TIME RESUMPTION.

London, Yesterday.

Messrs. J. and P. Coats have decided to cut the wages of all workers by ten per cent next month, and will call a strike to postpone construction during the period when there are

### WHAT MORATORIUM MEANS TO BRITAIN.

Said to Involve Loss of \$11,000,000.

### NO MORE SACRIFICES.

Rugby, Yesterday. Arrangements are proceeding for a meeting in London on July 17 of experts in connection with President Hoover's debt suspension proposals. According to a Washington Press message the United States will be represented by Mr. Hugh Gibson, United States Ambassador at Brussels. In the House of Commons to-

### MR. W. A. HANNIBAL PASSES.

An Old and Popular Resident.

### LINGERING ILLNESS.

We regret to record the death of a well-known and highly respected resident of the Colony, in Mr. Walter Albert Hannibal, which took place at his residence, 5, Thorpe Manor, May Road, at 5 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Hannibal had not been in good health for some little time, and on June 5 it was deemed advisable to remove him to the French Hospital for treatment. He struggled bravely against various complications that set in, but on June 17 was taken back to his home, still in a serious condition. In spite of all care and attention, he was unable to rally, and the end came after much suffering.

Mr. Hannibal, who leaves a widow and sister to mourn his loss, was about 55 years of age, and had been a resident in the Colony ever since he came out, over thirty years ago, to join the firm of Wendt and Company. At that time he was the representative attached to Messrs. Wendt, of the well-known firm of Eastwood and Holt, Mincing Lane, London, in connection with their ginger trade.

In 1914 Mr. Hannibal took over control of the whole business of Wendt and Company, under the style of W. A. Hannibal and Company, and had been the active principal ever since.

#### Work for the A.D.C.

Very popular amongst a large circle of friends, Mr. Hannibal was especially well known for his activities in connection with the Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club, for which he worked assiduously for many years. It is not too much to say that much of the success of the many productions were due to his efforts; and the present flourishing position of the A.D.C. was in no small measure built up by him.

Mr. Hannibal was also well known as an amateur actor and entertainer in humorous vein. He was ever ready to volunteer his services on the platform in aid of charitable works.

For a number of years Mr. Hannibal was a Committee member of the Hong Kong Club, becoming Chairman last year.

#### Business Connections.

In the business world, Mr. Hannibal was a member of the Committee of the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hong Kong for several years from 1914, and Chairman in 1917-18. When the Association was merged in the Chamber of Commerce Mr. Hannibal continued to take a keen interest in questions connected with exports, and was Chairman of a Special Committee in 1928.

The funeral will take place at Happy Valley this evening, passing the Monument at 5.30.

without any doubt would oil the wheels of European recuperation. "Similarly, temporary renunciation of the process of economic assimilation with Austria would have the happiest effect for the projected Anschluss is genuinely regarded in some countries as a move imminent to the European unification contemplated in M. Briand's scheme. It has always been described by Germany as an economic measure and economic assistance is now coming on a scale unthought of when the Anschluss was designed as a means of relief." In this matter, again, Germany has a chance of



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## "MEN ON CALL."

"Men on Call," showing in the King's Theatre might equally well have been termed "The Fireman's Sweetheart," even though it purports to be a drama of the U.S. Coastguard. There cannot be many in Hong Kong who have first-hand knowledge of his hard-working body, nor does that matter very much, the story being more or less on accepted lines, which would fit into any setting.

"Chuck," well played by Edmund Lowe, starts off as a railroad engineer, but owing to a blighted romance, on the eve of his wedding, becomes a park-bench warmer, after smashing up a special train. It is then that he is rescued by the Captain of a coast-guard station.

It is only natural that in later years the girl turns up again, and both men fall in love with her. It is then discovered that she never actually was a bad girl, and even if she had been, "what did it matter if you really loved me . . ." and so on to the happy ending.

This all sounds very trite, but the picture is not. For one thing, the background of a coastguard station is made attractive. Secondly, Edmund Lowe and William Harrigan, as "Cap," act in a very unforced, manly fashion. There can be no objection to the "American" accent the way these two men use it. Both have a commanding screen presence, and give their roles the air of verisimilitude. The girl in the piece is capably portrayed by Mae Clarke, and Warren Hymer provides a little comedy relief as an alimony victim.

The romance, one might mention, is temporarily ruined in the first place by an officious reporter, thus adding one more enormity to the staggering burden the Press are called upon to bear. The reporter is proved to be utterly wrong in the end, however, which is gratifying!

The main picture is preceded by a news reel, most of which pleased the audience. In the comedy attempt which followed, the end pleased most.

## "COMMON CLAY."

"Common Clay," Constance Bennett's starring vehicle, now running at the Queen's Theatre, is a drama of love between a middle-class girl and the son of one of New York's 400. The story starts with the girl as hostess in a speakeasy which is raided by the Police. Ill advised, the girl pleads guilty to vagrancy and is fined \$30. Taking pity on her, the judge gives her a lecture in chambers after the case, and the result is that the girl takes a job in the boy's family as maid.

A friend of the boy's who had met the girl at the speakeasy "spills the beans" on her and the young master pays attention to the girl. She has a love child and is offered \$50,000 to "square" and proves that she is not that sort of adventuress by refusing the money. If the boy was ashamed of his own child, she was not. The boy's father puts a lot of obstacles in the lovers' path, but in the end the boy decides to do the right thing by marrying the girl even if it means breaking with his family. Then pa gives in, and all ends well.

There is also a lot of fun in the picture provided principally by the English butler who drops his aches something "orrible, and picks them up in unexpected places! Good entertainment, although the sob stuff is a little drawn out.

## From Other Sources.

## "SPLINTERS."

By special request, the management of the King's Theatre decided to re-screen the famous

British film, "Splinters," for another two days, commencing on Sunday.

A revue and a real-life romance are embodied in "Splinters" which, after eleven years of its existence as a revue, was transferred to the talking screen depicting how it started in the front line of the Great War; how it developed in the rest camps behind the line; how it grew within reports of the guns and how it made devastated Flanders into a land of laughter.

"Splinters" really started from an uncouth sing-song to become the First Army Concert Party which was known to every soldier in Northern France. Its virtual founder and most enthusiastic supporter was Lord Horne, the First Army Commander who saw that laughter among other explosives was essential to victory. And it was he who provided laughter for the fighting men on his discovery of Private Hal Jones in the trenches. Hal Jones we must remember, was a comedian in civilian life and was consequently ordered to organise a Concert Party. Thus "Splinters" came into being and will be seen again.

## "GENTLEMAN'S FATE."

Twenty-five thousand dollars worth of emeralds were part of the "props" used in the filming of "Gentleman's Fate," John Gilbert's new starring vehicle, which will open at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

The gems were brought from a vault under surety bond after an attempt was made to use paste emeralds in the picture. The imitations, however, photographed "dead" under the brilliant lights and it was necessary to use genuine stones in order to obtain the dazzling beauty vital to the scene.

Mervyn Le Roy, who last directed "Little Caesar," screened the new Gilbert talkie from an original story by Ursula Parrott.

The story revolves about a society chap who is suddenly faced with the fact that his father, whom he has believed to be dead, is the leader of a New Jersey bootlegging. The drama begins when his fiancee breaks their engagement and he decides to enter upon his father's occupation and becomes a gangster-killer.

An important supporting cast includes Louis Wolheim, Lella Hyams, Anita Page, Marie Prevost, John Miljan, and George Cooper.

## "BROADWAY SCANDALS."

A brilliant galaxy of song writers was assembled by the Columbia Pictures to provide the lyrics and music for "Broadway Scandals," the musical comedy sensation coming to the Central Theatre to-day. Such well-known composers as Fred Thompson, Dave Franklin, Jack Stone, James Hanley, Sam Coslow, Dave Dryer, Sidney Claire, Joe Trent and Charles Daniels are responsible for the seven snappy numbers that are presented by a cast of soloists and a chorus of fifty stage beauties in Columbia's musical extravaganza.

Among the song hits of the show are "What Is Life Without Love," written by Fred Thompson, Dave Franklin, and Jack Stone; and "Does An Elephant Love Peanuts?" the work of James Hanley, who is responsible for "The Rose of Washington Square" and the entire score for "The Rainbow Man." He has also collaborated on the music for several Ziegfeld shows.

"Can You Read In My Eyes," a catchy sentimental number, is the work of Sam Coslow, who gave the world "The Blue Lou," "Was It A Dream" and "Flippity Floppity." Like Hanley, Coslow has composed music and lyrics for a number of outstanding Broadway musical shows. Joe Trent, composer of the sensational song success, "Muddy Waters," composed a new hit for "Broadway Scandals," entitled "Love the Cause of All My Blues." Charles Daniels collaborated with Trent on this number.

"Would I Love To Love You" is the title of the song written by Dave Dryer and Sidney Claire. This tune bids fair to become as popular as Dryer's other song successes, "Me and My Shadow,"

Charles Daniels, collaborator with Trent on this number.

"Rainbow Round My Shoulder,"

"Back In My Own Back Yard,"

"The Spell of the Blues," and

"Evangeline."

"Rhythm of the Tambourine," a novelty sensation, and "Kickin' The Blues Away," a peppy tune,

are two other numbers written expressly for "Broadway Scandals," by the versatile Dave Franklin, musical entertainer and composer of popular songs.

## RADIO

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

5.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

7.03-7.20 p.m.—Band Selections.

Singapore March (Goldman).

The Chimes of Liberty March (Goldman) . . . Arthur Pryor's Band.

Masked Ball—Selection (Verdi arr. Creator).

Creatore's Band.

7.20-7.41 p.m.—Organ Solos.

Song of the Wheeler (Moret),

What Does It Matter (Berlin),

Jesse Crawford.

Just a Bird's-Eye View of My Old Kentucky Home (Kahn-Donaldson),

In a Little Spanish Town (Lewis-Young-Wayne),

Jesse Crawford.

Cherie, I Love You (Goodman),

Jesse Crawford.

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

7.41-8.25 p.m.—A Concert.

Piano Solo—

Humoreske (Dvorak),

Polish Dance (Scharwenka),

Hans Barth.

Song—

The Merry Widow—Waltz (Ross-Lehar).

The Merry Widow—Villa (Ross-Lehar).

Hulda Lahanska (Soprano).

Violin Solo—

One Little Dream of Love (Gordon),

Rose in the Bud (Forster),

Renee Chemet.

Song—

Moonlight and Roses (Black-Moret),

The Sweetest Call (Troon-Morrow),

John McCormack (Tenor).

Violoncello Solo—

Gavotte Tendre (Hillemacher),

Menuet (Debussy),

Pablo Casals.

Piano Solo—

Etude in A Flat Major (Chopin),

Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin),

Alfred Cortot.

8.25-8.57 p.m.—Orchestral.

William Tell—Overture (Rossini),

Victor Symphony Orchestra.

The Glow-Worm—Idyl (Robinson-Lincke),

Hearts and Flowers—Intermezzo (Tobani),

Victor Concert Orchestra.

The Swing—Waltz (Hudson-Waves),

Victoria Orchestra.

8.57-9.27 p.m.—Variety.

St. Margaret's Chimes (Westminster),

Impressions of London (Westminster),

Stanley Roper (Actual Recording).

Organ Solo—

St. Louis Blues,

Lenox Avenue Blues,

Thomas Waller.

Vocal Gems—

The Love Parade,

Sunny Side Up,

Victor Light Opera Co.

Hawaiian Orchestra—

Hawaiian Dreams,

Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra.

9.27-9.52 p.m.—Instrumental.

Piano Solo—

Brooklet (Schubert-Rachmaninoff),

Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Violin Solo—

Negro Spiritual Melody (Dvorak-Kreisler).

Song of the Volga Boatmen (arr. Kreisler) . . . Fritz Kreisler.

Piano Solo—

Invitation to the Waltz (Weber),

Alfred Cortot.

Violin Solo—

Caprice Antique (Balogh-Kreisler),

Legend of the Canyon (Cadmian),

Fritz Kreisler.

9.52-10.28 p.m.—Operatic.

Selections from Mefistofele (Boito arr. Creator).

Mefistofele—Prologue (Boito arr. Creator).

Rigoletto—Quartet (Verdi),



## SCHNEIDER TROPHY RUMOURS.

France and Italy to Participate.

## NO WITHDRAWALS.

It is learned that the rumours to the effect that France and Italy have decided to withdraw from the Schneider Trophy contest have no foundation in fact.

It was stated at the Royal Aero Club that no suggestion of the kind had been made. The Air Attachés at the French and Italian Embassies had likewise heard nothing about any withdrawal.

The secretary of the French Aero Club explicitly denied the rumours in so far as France is concerned.

Reports that the French and Italians are not hopeful of success in the contest should be accepted with reserve. Great Britain, it is true, has the initial advantage of previous success and of the contest being held in British waters, but the two new British seaplanes now under construction are to some extent unknown quantities. It is quite possible that the S6 type which won the race in 1929 may still prove the best.

In that event a reliable Italian or French seaplane, even though not a record breaker, might win, or at least take second place.

## LAWN BOWLS TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

## League Programme.

The following are the probable teams for to-morrow's games in the Lawn Bowls League:

## Club de Recreo.

Recreio senior team (home) v. Craignewer at 4 p.m.—A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Souza, and R. F. Luz (Skip).

Dr. R. A. C. Basto, C. A. Lopes, A. H. Basto, and C. G. Silva (Skip).

In Ireland, however, duelling lasted until a considerably later period. Less than fifty years ago there was a famous duel between Sir Jonas Barrington and a certain McNally, writes "Londoner" in the Evening Standard.

The weapons were pistols, and at the first exchange McNally fell with a moan of "I'm done for." When the seconds rushed up they found no trace of a wound. The bullet had been turned aside by the buckle of McNally's braces which, in Ulster-slang, are still known as "gallows."

Sir Jonas, having ascertained that his opponent was unhurt, left the field in disgust, remarking: "That is the first rascal I know who has been saved by the gallows."

Here are posers for the amateur purist of golf, lawn tennis, football—almost any game you like—to ponder. What is the newly-formed Bridge Association going to do about it?

Wisely, it is likely to do exactly nothing. Problems so complicated would need so much solution that there would be no time for bridge. Bank balances would have to be investigated and awkward questions asked about the professions of men who win solidly at their clubs.

So the new Association, which is coming into being in order to promote inter-team, club, county and national matches, will step round this quagmire. Everyone who plays bridge well enough—provided, of course, that his bridge is above suspicion—will come within its purview when honours are concerned. Here at last is a game which will have no amateur problem; the Association will sensibly refuse to create one.

The man who wins more money than his fellows at the same stake is obviously the man to play for England.

The new body has as its provisional committee Mr. Frank England (bridge correspondent of the "Evening Standard"), Mr. A. E. Manning Foster, Colonel Walter Buller, Mr. Jack Dalton and Colonel Walsh. It is emphasised that in encouraging competitive team bridge, it is not seeking to encroach on the legislative authority of the Portland Club.

English players have spoken contemptuously of the "thistledown" ball used in the American contests. Similar charges have been made against balls played in Europe.

The ball, by Rule 3, must be of the fixed official size, weight, and bound. The problem is how to make a harder ball and keep it within Rule 3 of the game.

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## UNITED STATES AND DUELING.

## Carolina Prefers Car Encounters.

## SIR JONAS' DISGUST.

The recent announcement of a fatal duel in New York will come as a surprise to most English people. Yet, quite apart from the impromptu excitement afforded by gangsters, duelling is by no means extinct in the United States.

It still flourishes, with a mixture of old-world formality and new-world weapons, in North Carolina. The favourite method is the duel by motor car.

The combatants take their places in cars a mile apart. On the seconds' signal the two cars start and pass each other at full speed, the drivers meanwhile exchanging shots. If no hit is recorded, the cars are reversed, and the duel starts again.

In this country we no longer breed the race of heroes which to-day inhabits Carolina. The last recorded duel fought on English soil took place nearly eighty years ago. The participants were two Frenchmen.

In Ireland, however, duelling lasted until a considerably later period. Less than fifty years ago there was a famous duel between Sir Jonas Barrington and a certain McNally, writes "Londoner" in the Evening Standard.

The weapons were pistols, and at the first exchange McNally fell with a moan of "I'm done for."

When the seconds rushed up they found no trace of a wound. The bullet had been turned aside by the buckle of McNally's braces which, in Ulster-slang, are still known as "gallows."

Sir Jonas, having ascertained that his opponent was unhurt, left the field in disgust, remarking: "That is the first rascal I know who has been saved by the gallows."

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## JACK HOBB'S GREAT RECORD

## BAFFLING BRIDGE PROBLEM.

## WHEN IS A PLAYER A PROFESSIONAL?

## FLUCTUATING FORTUNES.

Is Mr. Jones, who by good luck and industry is half a sovereign in pocket on the year's turnover at a Hampstead bridge-table, an amateur or a professional?

Equally, what is the status of the West End clubmen whose bank balances swell by four figures because of skill at the card table. Quite a number of them earn £2,000 a year there; a select few even more.

Also (a third and last question) is a man of fluctuating fortunes an amateur in a losing year and a professional in a winning one?

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## FOUR-FIGURE TOTALS ON 22 OCCASIONS.

## ONE SEASON FAILS.

## OPERATION ALLOWS ONLY SIX INNINGS.

## RECORDS ABROAD.

## CAN THE GAME BE TAUGHT? OF COURSE IT CAN.

Nearly every first-class volleyer agrees that volleys should be "chopped."

More matches are lost by missing the easy balls than missing the hard ones.

It is want of pluck alone which prevents anyone with an overhand service smashing with success.

Dunce or demigod, the testing time of drudgery and defeat must be endured before mastery can be achieved.

For complete control of a spinning ball your return must reverse in its spin, of the curve of its flight in the air.

It is the rabbit who lets the ball always—except when making a stop or drop shot.

Remember you are playing against a human being, not a machine. Temper and temperament add up to more than people reckon.

And still people say that they are content to play "for fun," indicating thus a choice for brainless as against intelligent exercise.

You must try spins, and learn to impart swerve as well. Nearly everyone does so—but it is generally a case of unconscious humour.

Imitation is the sincerest proof of incapacity—and to insist on a slavish copy of some selected model is to risk unnatural evolution.

The three essentials in an overhand service are:—(1) Correct-ball throwing; (2) loose grip of racket; and (3) the deliberate attempt to hit up instead of down.

With the coming of the true-surfaced courts came the method of taking the ball on the rise, and from there to the half volley is merely another step on the road to perfection—i.e., an equipment of all the strokes.

Essential points to remember:—(1) Follow through; (2) ease and suppleness of carriage; (3) sideways stance for hitting; (4) both eyes on the ball; (5) loose grip and speed; (6) top spin and its value; (7) different spins; and (8) how to control these.

Note how a good volleyer crouches and gets his own head down, keeping the racket head up. This habit alone earned a veteran his place in the team for years. But what bushels of buttons his wife had to

## SHOTS FOR THE COURTS.

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## TRAINING FOR THE TANKS

Recruits Graded on Results.

## PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS.

Mental and psychological tests to measure mechanical and other ability have been introduced at the Royal Tank Corps Central Schools at Bovington Camp, and have proved invaluable for classifying and grouping recruits according to educational merit. The result provides interesting data.

For some of the men it assures accelerated promotion. Others are relegated to a "lower form." I do not know what place was given to the young Irishman who, in reply to the question: "What is tactics?" said: "Tactics is whin ya don't let yer inimy discover that ye're out of ammunition, but just kape on firin'."

Under the old system we invariably had the "awkward squad," embracing various types of mental aptitude. Consequently, training was impeded. Now the psychologists are able fairly accurately to select the man of superior intelligence and place him in a grade some steps above the semi-illiterate, or the man who is dull and needs special attention.

Mental tests are applied by learning the standard of education acquired by the candidates. The "A" men are those who may be expected to take a First Class Certificate which represents a moderately good education. Those graded "B" have reached a standard of education which will enable them early to qualify for the Second Class Certificate, while the men graded "C" are placed in a lower category.

A few cannot escape a "D" classification, and only the best of them are retained. They are the "shewers of wood and drawers of water." The Tank Corps has little use for these...

## New Outlook.

The old Army tradition that the less the soldier knew outside his military work the better he longer obtains. Of the few good things that came out of the late war one was the new outlook on the training of the soldier.

His interest is not known exclusively military. He is given unique opportunities from the first day of joining his unit to prepare for his return to civilian life, and is encouraged to take advantage of them. The old soldier was an automaton. The end of his contract with the State left him in a blind alley. Today the soldier, if he so elects, returns to civil life with a greatly improved education and capable of skilled employment.

Education, to be of practical value must be expended on material that

## CLUTCHING HAND.

## European Lady in Kowloon Incident.

## A SMART CAPTURE.

A case of bag-snatching from a European lady occurred at about 8.30 p.m. yesterday at the junction of Nathan Road and Austin Road.

As a sequel a Chinese youth, Cheung Lam was charged with the offence at the Kowloon Police Court this morning.

It appears that Mrs. Ramsay, of 3 Gun Club Hill, was waiting for the bus at the corner of Jordan Road when the accused approached from the rear and made an attempt to snatch her hand bag, which contained \$5 in money and sundry articles. Fortunately the lady held on to the bag, and the youth bolted along Austin Road, where he was caught by a European and handed over to the Police.

Mr. Hamilton remanded the youth until to-morrow morning, when he will be sentenced.

## LONDON EXCHANGES

## Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris	124.12%
New York	4.86 21/32
Brussels	34.08
Geneva	25.08
Amsterdam	12.08%
Milan	92.05%
Berlin	20.60%
Stockholm	16.14%
Copenhagen	18.18%
Prague	16.4%
Helsingfors	19.82%
Oslo	16.16%
Vienna	24.78%
Madrid	5.11%
Lisbon	100%
Athens	275
Bucharest	317
Rio	3.21/32
Buenos Aires	86.9/16
Montevideo	20.25%
Bombay	1.65%
Singapore	1.65%
Tokyo	1.65%
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## THE SHUTTERS OF 113, HIGH HOLBORN.

## Tragedy of a Blind Antiques Expert.

## SECRET REVEALED.

It is capable of absorbing it. This applies alike to military and civil training. On the military side, the introduction of technical units and of a more specialised training generally demands from the soldier a higher standard of education than heretofore. Hence the care now exercised in selection. "Discharged as not likely to make an efficient soldier" is a formula less frequently used on that account.

The object of the education officer is to find out what each man thinks and knows, and to make allowance for the varying capacities in order that the more advanced shall not be retarded by those not so well equipped mentally.

The Tank Corps Centre has obtained excellent results in its mechanical training largely through the new system which obtains there, and from which it has obtained its supply of highly efficient instructors. In the programme of instruction care is taken to avoid a dull presentation of mechanical details. The instructor is also careful to ascertain that no member of his class is left puzzling over something that he does not understand.

**Practical Instruction.** Each lecture room is devoted to one of the principal components of the internal combustion engine, and when the time for "passing out" draws near, the student is given parts to assemble. No man is allowed to drive a tank until he joins his field unit, but on a Tank "Rypa" (a driving machine) he is able to accustomed himself to the feel of the gears, etc.

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Viscount Ednam On Maintaining British Prestige.

Viscount Ednam, who recently returned from South America with the Prince of Wales, emphasised the importance of advertising, in a speech in opening a trade and industries exhibition at Dudley.

"This is an age of advertising," he said, "and if we want to maintain our prestige we have to advertise our goods more extensively." Britain was behind her competitors in that respect, and that was one of the reasons why her prestige had declined in foreign markets.

He thought, however, that British business men were at last beginning to realise the value and necessity of advertising, and were becoming more what he described as "exhibition minded." It was no use, however, tackling the problem in a sporadic manner, and they must let loose a concentrated barrage of publicity.

which the brothers collected in the old-fashioned shop with the long oak counter. Then Samuel Lyon died.

**Never Recovered.** Maurice carried on the business, but he never really recovered from the shock of Samuel's death. Seven years ago Maurice Lyon found that he was going blind. He fought against it and still carried on, though he could scarcely see the treasures which filled his showcases. One day he could not see them — and that day he groped his way to the front of the shop and pulled down the bright green shutters.

He sold the treasures — some to his two servants: "This is my home, and I will never leave it. When I die the business dies with me."

From that day Maurice Lyon met few people. Callers were sent away and business men anxious to pay great sums for the shop so desolate in such a valuable site were told that it was not for sale. Legends were woven as the dust grew thicker on the shutters and the letters "M. and S. Lyon" above them. It was said that

Mr. Lyon had become a hermit because his wife had died, that he was guarding priceless treasures in the darkness behind the shutters.

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## BRITAIN'S OLDEST INDUSTRY.

## From Days of Julius Caesar.

## TIN MINING.

The dust-coated shutters of Number 113, High Holborn, London, which for seven years have hidden the tragic secret of old Maurice Lyon, silversmith and antique dealer, are not to be raised even now he is dead.

For the shop which he loved so much that he would not leave it for a day after blindness had made it impossible for him to work, is to be the home — for the present, at least — of the two women who were Mr. Lyon's devoted servants for nearly 50 years. That was his deathbed wish.

The two women were with their master when he died in the house which was his home nearly all the 86 years of his life.

**Affection for Holborn.** Maurice Lyon and his brother Samuel were born in a little house in Holborn which has now disappeared. Their parents had spent most of their lives in Holborn, and both boys inherited a deep affection for the street where their boyhood days were passed. They started business together as silversmiths and antique dealers. It was a modest start, but the brothers worked long hours to build up a business which became famous.

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## DISARMAMENT AND WAR DEBTS.

## Views of Belgian Ex-Premier.

## POLITICAL QUESTION.

Heavy world production of tin has thrown thousands of miners out of work in Cornwall. At St. Just-in-Penwith, 400 men were recently added to the unemployed of the town when the Gevor and the great Levant mines were closed.

St. Just-in-Penwith, centre of Cornwall's tin mining industry, is more picturesque in name than otherwise. A drab little town, set in a stern background of slatey hills and rocky headlands, it has had a checkered career, as full of ups and downs as the famous mine shafts which puncture the countryside all around it, writes a Ceylon Observer correspondent.

More British fortunes have been won and lost in Cornish mines, it is said, than in any other industry.

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George Theunis, retiring president of the International Chamber of Commerce, and for many years after the war Prime Minister of Belgium, does not see how military disarmament can be tied up with war debts and reparations. He expresses surprise that any one in a responsible position should attempt to tie them together.

"That's a political, rather than an economic question," he said in reply to a question. "For at the bottom of it all is the question of security. Why is Belgium spending several million dollars for fortifications now? It's because the people of Belgium insist on security. The same holds true of every country in Europe. It is spending more money for military purposes than it did before the Great War."

When it was pointed out to Mr. Theunis that the total annual payments of war debts to the United States are about 5 per cent. of the total being spent in Europe annually for war preparation, the Belgian leader still insisted that the problem was a political and not an economic one, and as such the two could not and should not be related or tied together.

"What is the most important contribution which the international chamber of commerce gathering has made this year?" Mr. Theunis was asked.

**Significance of Facts.** The Phoenicians, who were the merchant adventurers of their times, sent galleys from the Mediterranean to buy the meal from the natives of Cornwall in exchange for salt, crockery and braven ware. The Phoenicians then set up a trade in tin with Greeks — who, incidentally, were the first to find a name for it. Later, Julius Caesar was led to invade Britain by reports of valuable mineral deposits there, particularly the tin of Cornwall. Traces of Roman engineering have been found in some old workings near St. Just-in-Penwith.

**200 Feet Below.** The tin mines of the St. Just district are unique among man's subterranean activities. St. Just itself is a mile from the sea, but many of the mine heads of the vicinity are close to the rocky shores and their shafts extend out under the ocean bed for considerable distances. The Levant mine, for instance, has a gallery more than 2,000 feet below sea level which bores under the Atlantic Ocean to a point a half a mile from the shore. Workings at a higher level in this great burrow, which produced both copper and tin, go out double that distance.

Not far from St. Just, too, is the ill-fated Wheal Owles Mine, where water broke through the upper galleries a few years ago, drowning twenty miners who were trapped in a lower level.

The water has never been pumped out.

**Quaint Names.** Many of the Cornwall mines have quaint names, among them the "Wheal Cupboard," the "Ding Dong" (said to have been worked long before the Christian era), the "Consols" and the "Ale and Cakes" mines.

In the town of St. Just is a circular enclosure, called the "Plane an Gwarry," which was the scene of an ancient Cornish miracle play, wrestling and other sports. It is similar to the grassy pit at Redruth, another tin mining town where John Wesley once preached to the miners. Methodists still hold open air meetings in the Redruth Amphitheatre, with 10,000 or more people gathering at one time.

St. Just is easily located on the map. It is but a mile inland from Cape Cornwall, a bold headland which arises 200 feet above the sea.

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He was the second son of the late Sir William Agnew, and was educated at Rugby School and Trinity College, Cambridge. In September, 1881, he married Evelyn Mary, daughter of William Naylor, of Paddington.

He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1918 for his service in the "wounded and missing" department of the Red Cross Society during the War. Mr. Agnew retired from the fine art business about 1914. His son, Mr. Charles Gerald Agnew, is an active member of Messrs. Thomas Agnew and Sons, who have been associated with many famous picture dealers.

Mr. Charles Morland Agnew's death recalls the theft from Agnew's Bond Street Galleries of Gainsborough's portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire. It was in May, 1876, that this famous portrait was cut out of its frame, within three weeks of Messrs. Agnew having paid over £10,000 for it in the Wynn Ellis sale at Christie's.

**POST OFFICE NOTICE.**

Letters for Europe via Siberia intended for transmission by Air Mail from Shanghai to Manchuria should be posted in time for inclusion in the mail for Shanghai to be closed at the General Post Office at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 11. Such letters will connect with the Air Mail leaving Shanghai on Tuesday evening, July 14.

**INWARD MAIIS.**

FRIDAY, JULY 10.

Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, June 22)..... Hakone Maru

Amoy ..... Takada

SATURDAY, JULY 11.

Shanghai and Swatow ..... Soochow

Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers, London, June 11)..... Fushimi Maru

Manila ..... President Cleveland

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 12)..... President Garfield

SUNDAY, JULY 12.

Shanghai and Amoy ..... Tai Yuan

MONDAY, JULY 13.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 19)..... President McKinley

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.

Amoy and Swatow ..... Van Heutsz

THURSDAY, JULY 16.

Australia and Manila ..... Kitano Maru

FRIDAY, JULY 17.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, June 27)..... President Taft

SATURDAY, JULY 18.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 25)..... Asama Maru

SUNDAY, JULY 19.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, June 24)..... Hikawa Maru

**OUTWARD MAIIS.**

FRIDAY, JULY 10.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (Isar)

Registration ..... July 10, 5 p.m.

Letters ..... 6 p.m.

Kwong Hung ..... 4 p.m.

Machaon ..... 5 p.m.

Empress of Japan ..... 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 11.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles .....

Hakone Maru

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G.P.O.

Registration ..... July 11, 9 a.m.

Letters ..... 10 a.m.

Haliphong ..... 2.30 p.m.

Canton ..... 3.30 p.m.

Fushimi Maru ..... 3.30 p.m.

Saigon ..... 3.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria B.C. ....

Pres. Cleveland

(Due Victoria, B.C., July 28 and Europe via Siberia.)

Parcels ..... 3 p.m.

Registration ..... 4.15 p.m.

Letters ..... 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden and Egypt. Manila .....

Pilsena ..... 6 p.m.

President Garfield ..... 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 12.

Bangkok via Swatow .....

Kalgan ..... 9 a.m.

Hozan Maru ..... 9 a.m.

JULY 13.

Daviken ..... 8.30 a.m.

Shiyou Maru ..... 2.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 14.

Kai Ning ..... 2 p.m.

President McKinley ..... 4.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.

Tai Yuan ..... 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 16.

Van Heutsz ..... 10.30 a.m.

Straits, Australia & New Zealand .....

Tai Ping ..... (Due Thursday Island, July 28).

Parcels ..... July 16, 5 p.m.

Registration ..... July 17, 9.45 a.m.

Letters ..... 10.30 a.m.

**MOTHER GOES TO  
JAIL.**

**She Took Her 7 Children  
with Her and So—**

**NOT AN ORPHANAGE!**

Mme. Servon was sentenced to 20 days' imprisonment at Brive Prison, and she turned up at the warden's lodge, bringing with her seven children, whose ages range from eight years to two months. The gatekeeper expostulated. He had been 14 years at that prison, he said, and this was the first time an attempt had been made to turn it into an orphanage.

Mme. Servon replied that she was ready to do her 20 days, but she must look after her children.

After a good deal of consultation the governor called up headquarters and learned that Mme. Servon's sentence had been suspended under the First Offenders' Act.

By this time it was getting dark, so Mme. Servon and the children were allowed to spend the night in the prison after all.

Canadian bond sales to date amount to \$246,233,370, as compared with \$181,969,321 for the corresponding period of last year and \$140,814,686 for that of 1929. Purchases by Canadian financial houses amounted to \$168,243,370, while American firms took \$72,890,000 and British \$4,100,000.

**UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.**

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:

Madge Fraser, Hong Kong Hotel, from Singapore.

Hole, from Singapore, Sub. Plindee, from Singapore.

S. LACK, Manager.

Hong Kong, July 9, 1931.

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**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.**

No. of State	Lot No.	Boundary No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Content	City Name	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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HYE MARU	Tuesday, 26th August.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	
YASUKUNI MARU	Monday, 27th July.
SUWA MARU	Saturday, 8th August.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 25th July.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 22nd August.
MANILA.	
SHINYO MARU	Monday, 13th July.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.	
TANGO MARU	Sunday, 12th July.
+ TOKUSHIMA MARU	Tuesday, 28th July.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu.	
Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	Tuesday, 28th July.
HEIYO MARU	
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
+ TATSUNO MARU	Monday, 18th July.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa.	
+ DURBAN MARU	Sunday, 19th July.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
+ MURORAN MARU	Wednesday, 15th July.
+ MALACCA MARU	Wednesday, 29th July.
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## WATER LEVELS.

## Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:

	July	July	July
West River at Shihping	20.4	20.4	20.4
North River at Samshui	20.2	18.0	18.0
East River at Tsingyuen	8.0	6.6	6.6

The level at Tsingyuen on July 6 was 16.6 feet.

The highest levels recorded are: Shihping, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:- Bridgewater—West wall.

Caradoc—North wall.  
Moorhen—South Wall.  
Odin—East wall.  
Otus—East wall.  
Seraph—North arm.  
Serpis—North arm.  
Stormcloud—North arm.  
Tamar—Basin.

## Foreign.

Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.  
Mindanao—American gunboat.  
Regulus—French sloop.

## ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, July 8.  
Haldis, British str., 1,144 tons, Captain W. Lee, from Holhown, buoy No. C6.—Wo Fat Sing.

Mirzapore, British str., 4,135 tons, Captain M. P. Smith, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—M. M. & Co.

Thursday, July 9.  
Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. C6.—M.M.

Chungking, British str., 1,210 tons, Captain F. A. Lovegrove, from Canton, buoy No. B8.—B. & S.

Foo Lee, Chinese str., 859 tons, Capt. M. Tanida, from Canton, buoy No. C2—Shun Tai Hong.

Gemma, Dutch str., 5,233 tons, Capt. P. Brouwer, from Shanghai, buoy No. A8—J.C.J.L.

Heleus, British str., 4,810 tons, Captain Davie, from Manila, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Hong Kheng, British str., 8,975 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore buoy No. A10—Ho Thong & Co.

Ias, German str., 5,636 tons, Capt. H. Hild, from Singapore, buoy No. A15.—Melchers & Co.

Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. A. I. Summerfield, from Amoy, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Machaon, British str., 4,908 tons, Capt. C. J. Watson from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Yuan Lee, Chinese str., 1,661 tons, Capt. A. Kaulde, from Swatow, buoy No. B16—Yuen Seng Fat.

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TAI HING TUES.	14th THURS.	16th FRI.	17th SAT.	18th SUN.
TAI MING FRI.	17th SUN.	19th MON.	20th TUES.	21st THURS.
TAI HING MON.	22nd WED.	22nd THURS.	23rd FRI.	24th SAT.
TAI MING WED.	22nd FRI.	24th SAT.	25th SUN.	26th MON.
TAI HING SAT.	25th MON.	27th TUES.	28th WED.	29th THURS.
TAI MING TUES.	28th THURS.	30th FRI.	31st SAT.	1st MON.
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CATHAY	15,000	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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## H.M.S. POLYPHEMUS.

### A British Naval Freak.

The removal of the wreck of the U.S. ram, Katahdin, gave the opportunity for a description in the pages of The Navy, and this has brought a request from interested parties that we should treat the British ram, Polypheus in the same way, writes Frank G. Bowen. She was no more successful than her American opposite number, but she was a particularly interesting ship and there are a good many valuable lessons to be learned from the Navy's failures in the eighties.

She was projected as far back as 1873 and was based principally on the ideas of Admiral Sir George Sartorius. To begin with, Barnaby, the Naval Constructor, was enthusiastically behind her, for he was one of the greatest British advocates of the ram, but when it was decided to combine the ramming idea with torpedoes, he rather lost interest and considered that the elaboration made her too expensive and complicated to be practical. During the five years that elapsed between the original idea in 1873, and her laying down at Chatham in 1878, there was plenty of time for amendments to the original design, and as it was rooted on the Service opinion of the moment, many officers were given the opportunity of embodying their ideas.

The large battleships being built in France, Russia and Italy, had attracted somewhat uneasy attention in Britain, and as usual, there were the advocates of the mosquito who would be able to sink them without difficulty. Her dimensions were 240 feet between perpendiculars by an extreme beam of 40 feet and a load draught of 20, giving her a displacement of 2,640 tons. It was fully realized that in order to function properly as a ram, the ship had to have immense strength and the greatest possible manoeuvring powers, the hull being designed with these factors particularly in view. The frames were of Bessemer and the plating and armour of Landore-Siemens' steel, in which again she was something of a pioneer. The double bottom, which extended for the whole length of the ship, turned at the bilges and became a double skin extending right up to the upper deck, and with the peculiarly shaped 3 inch armour made her as nearly invulnerable to the projectiles of that day as was possible. At the same time it was fully appreciated that even if she were successful in ramming a big opponent she was likely to suffer herself and therefore the hull where the keel would normally project was recessed in a broad inverted V, into which fitted 300 tons of iron ballast that could be detached at will and allowed to drop to the bottom, giving the ship sufficient extra buoyancy to counteract the leak. It was a good idea, but Chatham Dockyard circles still repeat the traditional stories of the extraordinary job that they had to get this heavy external ballast in place and secure.

The ram was spur-shaped and projected 12 feet beyond the stem, well below the waterline, but as the Admiralty was more than a little nervous at that time owing to some unfortunate accidents it was made so that it could be unshipped if desired. Undoubtedly the ship was weakened for her primary purpose of ramming by the

addition of the submerged torpedo tube, which was put right into the ram. The collision bulkhead was duplicated to cope with the inevitable leaks, and to give her the necessary hardiness she was given two bow rudders which were normally raised into the ship, but which could be lowered well clear of the hull and coupled up with the ordinary steering gear aft, when it was desired to use them.

At the same time the deadwood forward and aft was cut away as much as possible for hardiness.

With such vessel speed was as essential as hardiness and the engines, boilers and bunkers occupied the whole of the midship section, roughly one-third of the length of the ship. She was designed for a speed of 17 knots, which at that time was an extraordinarily high standard, and this called for an indicated horse power of 5,600, which was obtained by the use of two pairs of compound horizontal engines by Humphreys and Tennant of Deptford, the cylinders being 38 inches and 64, by a stroke of 45, and the pressure 110 lb to the square inch, which was then regarded as being very high.

She was one of the first men-of-war to be given forced draught on the closed stokehold principle, and her original boiler installation consisted of no less than 12, three in each of the four boiler rooms, of a modified locomotive pattern which were found to be impossible to keep running properly and which were therefore replaced in 1884 by eight low circular boilers of the more ordinary naval type which gave very much more satisfactory service, especially after the distilling plant had been doubled in 1887. For these boilers she stowed about 240 tons of coal, which was only equal to a day and a half at full speed.

As far as armament was concerned her strength was principally in the 18-inch torpedo tubes, one in the bow as already described, and four more on the broadside. Her gun armament was only intended to protect her from torpedo craft and was steadily strengthened as her potential enemies became more powerful and more difficult to stop. Originally it was to consist of six Nordenfels, each in a tiny revolving turret well over the side on the flying deck, but these were later reinforced with six-pounders.

The accommodation was all below the armoured deck, and in spite of the fact that the men had to live on "tinned air" continuously, she was not by any means an unhealthy ship, even in the Mediterranean; although she was never a comfortable one for her complement of 182 officers and men.

She was launched at Chatham Dockyard on June 15, 1881, and was christened by Mrs. Trevelyan, the wife of the Secretary of the Admiralty. Included in the launching party was Sir George Sartorius who had conceived the original idea. She was ready for trials in the early spring of 1882, and to begin with, had a lot of trouble owing to the priming of her boilers. She did 17½ knots over the Maplin mile, but the boilers always gave trouble and the question of replacing them was raised from the very beginning. When this was done, she averaged 17.847, but this was at a later date.

When she was first commissioned she was put under Commander William H. May, later Admiral Sir William, and was put on to particular service, which consisted very largely of a prolonged series of trials and sea tests. She proved a very heavy roller, but by no means a bad sea boat, and when she had been reboilered in 1884, she was quite a satisfactory vessel and particularly useful in a number of experiments for submerged torpedo tubes, which were then in a very early stage of their development and the subject of infinite discussion.

In 1885, she joined the Channel Squadron then a very miscellaneous collection of ships, and after the Russian scare of that year, went round the coast with Hornby's Special Service Squadron. One of the many weaknesses in the Navy that had been put into the lime-light during the scare was the absence of protection in most British ports, and one of the jobs of Hornby's Squadron was to test a system of boom defence which had been put forward. Accordingly, a most elaborate boom was made at Berehaven with all the spare spars of the fleet—it must be remembered that in those days most of the ships were rigged—and was protected by a line of mines. The Polypheus was given the job of attempting to break this boom, and the opinion of the fleet was that she could not possibly do it. She avoided the mines and dirigible torpedoes with very little difficulty and took the boom at 7 knots, cutting through it as though it were pack thread, without even feeling a severe shock on board.

Commander Hay was succeeded by Captain Edwin Gallwey in 1885, and soon afterwards she went round the Mediterranean where she spent the greater part of her career, in spite of the fact that her ventilation and general design scarcely suggested that she was a suitable ship for a hot weather station.

She was recommissioned time after time at Malta, until she was brought home in 1900, paid off at Chatham and laid up in the Medway with so many other ships for which the Admiralty could not find any particular use.

In the Summer of 1901 she was ordered to refit and go to Portsmouth as a tender to the torpedo school ship Vernon for instruction in submarine tube work, but very shortly afterwards it was announced that the old battleship Devastation would take over that work while the Polypheus was sent to Devonport to be tender to the school ship Defiance there. The state into which the ship had been allowed to get by that time is shown by the fact that orders were issued to tow her round, but these orders were cancelled under the Fisher regime and she was put up for sale as one of the many British men-of-war who could neither fight nor run away.

On July 7, 1908, the final event of her career occurred when she was sold by auction at Portsmouth, and within a few days she was towed round to the Thames to be broken up at Cohen's Yard there.

Had the development of naval material permitted her construction in the late 'sixties or early 'seventies, there is no doubt, that she would have been a very formidable weapon of war, but the delay which occurred before she was laid down, and then the trouble with her boilers, brought her long after her time, when the development of the medium calibre quick-firing gun was rendering her plans impossible. The ram was already beginning to fall into disrepute and the rapid development of the torpedo boat, followed by the torpedo gunboat and destroyer, gave very much better opportunities of using the new arm than could ever be provided by a ship of the Polypheus type.



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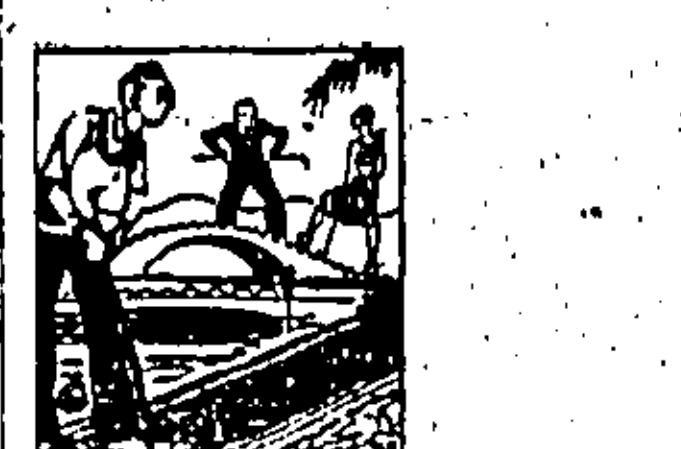
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## TALKIE TALKS

by Diane

At last we are to see here—Movieland's Newest Meteor—Constance Bennett, who has flashed into prominence in New York, Paris and Hollywood. Four years absent from the screen, and in that time played at being a Society leader, wife of a millionaire—Phil Plant, who adored the most exclusive Continental resorts. She queened it wherever she appeared, for Constance Bennett is brazen, beautiful and cultured. Now she has embarked on another triumph; that is the only word in which to describe this attractive young woman's return to the screen. Daughter of Richard Bennett, one of the most famous actors on the American stage, both sisters Joan and Barbara almost as famous, but Constance is the most interesting and certainly the cleverest. She ran away at College and married a fellow student, but the marriage was quickly annulled by her parents.

Their Reni Love. By the bye, the Mother comes from a long line of theatrical people, so there was not much chance of keeping the girls from the stage. They were sent abroad to study, but all returned to their real love—the theatre. Constance tried this so-called successful marriage for four years, then divorced him (Plant) and received a cool million as alimony. Returned to Hollywood with the most gorgeous clothes—and HOW that girl CAN wear clothes! signed to Pathé, now Fox, and is proving one of the biggest Box-Office attractions throughout the world to-day. This play in which we see the beauties lady is destined to be a real hit.

An Old Story. It's an old story made up to date, and now the heroine is hostess in a "Speak-easy," when the place is raided, she is arrested. The judge aids her in finding work (honest) as a maid in a wealthy home. There she finds the conditions demoralising. She falls in love with the boy of the house. It makes a strong appeal, and is brilliantly played by the star with Lew Ayres (of "The Kiss," and "All Quiet") in support. A kind of Madame X plot but I won't give the story away—but must assure you that Fox have a winner in it all-right. You may think Lew rather conventional in an ungrateful role, and perhaps you will weep when Beryl Mercer appears in the witness stand, but taken all together Constance is the whole show—not that I think she is the type to be led astray by a boy home from College—still, as I said before—it is a sure-fire hit, and I for one want to see the sweet lady in everything she plays. (Queen's)

"Men on Call." "Men on Call" with the ever famous "See you, see me," Edmund Lowe, also famous as the husband of the glorified American girl—Lillian Tashman—is not given great opportunities in this play where as an engine-driver trying to forget a show girl, he enlists as a const-guard. The little girl—Mae Clark is good, not a beauty, but can act. Perhaps the humour of Joe Brown is your style, and Sharon Lynn can be quite good if not called upon to do too much. You may like it. (King's). \*

For those who adore mystery—I can vouch for "Dracula," being all the thrill they want. It is creepy to the 9th degree. Bela Lugosi fixes his victim with hypnotic eyes and everyone in the audience says "OH!" According to Lugosi, women love horror—if they do they will not miss this play. Helen Chandler is good in her part, as the girl who is abducted as one of the vampires' victims. David Manners is her rescuing sweetie. It is among the best mystery melodramas, because it is more outlandish than the others. I am told it is coming shortly to the Central.

"Gentleman's Fate." I hear John Gilbert has mastered the "Mike," and that we shall

see the old boy in "Gentleman's Fate." Mark you, cannot vouch for this, but I suppose it is true. I think if J. G. be given the right story he will have the old "Mike."

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## "Plunder."

I know ALL the pictures turned out from America are not rated at One Hundred per cent—but their worst beats Britain's best. A continuous procession of loyal Taipans and lesser lights filled the King's when the best British Film up-to-date was shown—"Rookery Nook." It was merely the show at the Aldwych transferred to the screen with the two best light-comedy actors at their best. Lighting bad, staging gave the idea they were cramped for space. Too many close-ups of faces that could not stand such an angle from the camera.

Mrs. Lynn is quite sweet, but—pretty at a distance, Mary Brough the best of the women. The two leads, as they are, at their London address—always good, most amusing. They will probably be as good in "Plunder"—and I hope they fill the Central Theatre.

A few critics said that Murnau had left a lasting memory in "Tabu." I think W. S. Van Dyke has given us something better in "The Pagan." There is no comparison in the story, acting and scenery. Van Dyke picked on a bit of Heaven where Nature is the Pagan's only god. No one misses the dialogue, and Ramon Novarro sings "The Pagan's Love Song" delightfully. The cast of four was excellent, I am surprised that little Dorothy Janis is not given more chances—she should be given some of the parts taken by Dorothy Jordan, Renee Adoree and Donald Crisp—not forgetting the handsome star—treat us to an enjoyable evening. It is what I call a GEM. (World).

## HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Estelle Taylor chosen to play opposite Ronald Colman in "The Unholy Garden." Charlotte Greenwood, shortly to be seen with



Dorothy Mackail.

Charles Chaplin, Dorothy Mackail, Ronald Colman, Mary Forbes, Ralph Forbes, Reginald Denny, Walter Byron, Paul Cavanagh, John Loder, Clive Brook, Victor McLaglen, George Arliss, George K. Arthur, Elissa Landi, O. P. Heggie, the Moore brothers, Basil Rathbone, Aubrey Smith, Doris Lloyd, Beryl Mercer, Stan Laurel, Fred Kerr, Lumsden Hare, John Garrick, Maureen O'Sullivan, Jack Buchanan, etc. Of late so many of the loyal Britons who are anxious to support Home industries, have demanded MORE British films—I wonder if they read the slating remarks in the Home newspapers about the stuff turned out by the British Studios.

They have not yet started where America has left off—direction, continuity writing, lighting, staging, photography, and above all—they will persist in making Film Stars of the best-known stage actors and actresses. The screen is worlds apart in technique from the stage.

Edna Best (who ran away from Hollywood, because she feared she would not be any good, as she wrote), Herbert Marshall, Owen Nares, Gerald du Maurier, and countless others may be quite good at the Haymarket or Wyndham's, but on the screen they do NOT cause any sensation. I recently saw a picture ("I hope NO theatre will be so ill-advised as to hire it") "Loose Ends" with Edna Best and Owen Nares.

To my way of thinking the whole cast could be compared with the Middleton-On-Splash Amateurs. The beautiful-cultured voices of the women became so monotonous that on all sides there was ribald laughter, and I overheard more than one person say, "What's the matter with these girls?"

## Overland China Mail.

A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

Following upon the disagreement and subsequent discharge of the jury at the first trial of a Chinese charged with murder, the second hearing, with a new jury, commenced at the Assizes. Counsel for the defence again strongly criticised the medical evidence for the Crown, suggesting that the post-mortem examination had not been carried through with the requisite care and detail. This suggestion was emphatically denied by the medical witness. A full report appears in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL also contains a complete account of the opening of the new Science Building at St. Stephen's College, Stanley, including the text of a striking speech by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. Wilfrid T. Southorn, C.M.G.), as to the place of science in education and in general esteem.

A sensational case of *amok* is reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL, the perpetrator being an inmate of the Mental Hospital, who wounded four people before he eventually collapsed and died. The affair remains a mystery.

The annual report of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals shows certain decreases, due primarily to the effect of the drop in Hong Kong exchange, but the record of good work continues. The text appears in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The Summer sporting season in Hong Kong is now in full swing, with aquatic galas, and matches in the Lawn Bowls Singles Championship of the Colony specially covered in the columns of the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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The word "Overland" is a reminder of the experience behind the production, it having been published since the early days of the Colony, to be sent OVERLAND because there was no Suez Canal, and that was the quickest route by which to get mail Home. In the march of time the "Overland China Mail" has become the most popular weekly news outlet, as it has been compiled just to suit present-day requirements, as it has done all along. What more could be desired?

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## SHAKESPEARE IN NORTH LONDON.

## Success of People's Theatre.

## OPERA SEASON EXTENDED.

The first season of Shakespeare at Sadler's Wells—North London's people's Theatre—was so popular that extension of the opera season was arranged.

Miss Baylis who, in spite of an operation and a motor accident, has successfully presided over the joint fortunes of the Old Vic and Sadler's Wells during the past season, said that her faith in opening a theatre for Shakespeare and opera in North London had been justified. "Our audiences have steadily been getting bigger," she said, "and although there is still room for more people in the theatre, everyone is satisfied with the headway we have made during our first season. We are faced with a loss, but if only I could persuade another thousand people to come each week, many of my troubles would be at an end."

Russians and "King Lear." Many members of our audience had never been to a theatre before Sadler's Wells was opened.

Miss Baylis continued. "One man did not even know what booking a seat meant. Another, who had never been inside a theatre in his life, asked me if I could tell him whether it was better to see a play from upstairs or downstairs.

As at the Old Vic, we are collecting a band of faithful enthusiasts, who come time after time to see each production. One elderly man confessed to me that he had seen every performance of our production of 'King Lear,' because he liked blood-thirsty plays."

Miss Baylis's enterprise in opening Sadler's Wells has benefited not only the ordinary residents in North London who have not had a theatre of their own since the days of Phelps, but also the foreign colony in Clerkenwell. Large numbers of Italians live in the neighbourhood, and they come night after night to the Italian operas, which they have never been able to afford to see before.

Even visitors from Russia sometimes find their way to Sadler's Wells. A number of members of a Russian Trade Delegation, who were in London for a few days, attended the performance of "King Lear." They were anxious to see before it was declared, depicting, as it does, the foibles and downfall of a King of England. But, at this point, their Communist principles broke down—not they did show any desire to mix with the proletariat in the pit and gallery, and instead occupied seats in the dress circle.

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SEOUL NOW QUIET.

Tokyo, To-day.  
Nothing is known officially or  
unofficially of the destruction of  
the Chinese Consulate in Seoul.  
On the contrary, the latest de-  
spatches indicate that the situa-  
tion is quieting, and, therefore,  
the report is disbelieved.

Earlier News.

Peking, Yesterday.  
According to unconfirmed  
Chinese despatches, a Korean  
mob again attacked, and sacked  
and destroyed the Chinese Con-  
sulate at Seoul, inflicting casual-  
ties on 500 Chinese who were  
taking refuge there.

The Chinese Consul-General,  
Mr. Chang Wei-cheng, has taken  
refuge in the office of the Gov-  
ernor-General of Korea.

Chinese Retaliating.

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
Although the general situation  
appears to be improving, numer-  
ous cases of Chinese retaliating  
against Koreans are reported in  
Antung:

The situation in Fusan appears  
still to be critical and a number  
of clashes have occurred in the  
streets. Fourteen Koreans have  
been arrested.

Early this morning a Korean  
mob of nine hundred, taking ad-  
vantage of the shortage of police,  
stormed Chinese piecegoods shops  
and a restaurant on Maklehima  
Island, opposite Fusan, destroyed  
the furniture and threw the piece-  
goods into the street.

The police are reported to be-  
lieve that Communist activity is  
behind the outrages. Scores of  
suspects have been arrested.

The Chinese killed at Pingyang  
number 88, and in other places 11,  
according to the latest official de-  
patch.

Press despatches report that  
several Japanese organisations in  
Korea are planning relief for the  
Chinese sufferers, while the of-  
ficials of Heianando province  
and Pingyang city have decided to  
contribute a percentage of their  
salaries to the fund.—Reuter.

NEW CHAIRMAN.

Successor to Late Sir  
Hugh Bell.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
At a meeting of the Directors of  
Dorman, Long and Company, the  
famous engineering firm which has  
fulfilled large contracts in many  
parts of the world, Mr. Charles  
Mitchell was elected Chairman in  
succession to the late Sir Hugh  
Bell.—British Wireless Service.

MISSED HIS SHIP.

American Stranded  
in Colony.

Edward Lee Baker (24), an  
American subject, appeared before  
Mr. Williams this morning charged  
with being a vagrant in the Colony.  
He admitted the offence.

Dick Sergeant C. Mottram said  
that Baker had missed his ship, the  
Tacoma, but the agents were ar-  
ranging to have him placed on an  
other ship by July 17. Meanwhile,  
he would ask for an order of com-  
mittal to the House of Detention.  
This was granted by the Magis-  
trate.

One non-Chinese case of typhoid  
fever was notified yesterday, also  
one Chinese case of diphtheria.

LABOUR MEETS WITH  
NEW OPPOSITION.

Lords Reject Clauses of  
Reform Bill.

PLURAL VOTING.

London, Yesterday.  
The Government's Electoral  
Reform Bill threatens to emerge  
from the hands of the House of  
Lords severely tattered. Their  
Lordships to-night struck out  
a clause which abolishes the busi-  
ness premises qualification, with  
the exception of the City of Lon-  
don, and rejected a clause to  
abolish plural voting and remove  
restriction on the use of motor  
cars at Parliamentary elections.—  
Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Nanking, To-day.

Mr. C. T. Wang announced  
this morning that the situation  
in Korea was now under control  
according to official re-  
ports and no more serious  
rioting was occurring.

The Minister stated that the  
Japanese Government had ex-  
pressed profound regret for  
the anti-Chinese riots and as-  
sured the Nanking Government  
that every effort would be  
made to prevent further dis-  
turbances.

The Nanking Government is  
instructing the Chinese Ambas-  
sador in Tokyo to proceed to  
Korea and investigate the  
conditions and report per-  
sonally to Nanking.

Mr. Wang stated that the  
Wanggaoshan incident being of  
a local character, would be  
settled by the Kirin Provincial  
Government.—Reuter.

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL

SEQUEL.

Mussolini's First Shot  
in Reply.

ORDER BY GOVERNMENT.

Rome, Yesterday.  
Signor Mussolini's first shot in  
reply to the recent Papal Encyc-  
lical was fired to-day, with the issue  
to the Federal Secretaries of the  
Fascist Party of an order issued  
"by the Government and Duce," de-  
claring that from to-day mem-  
bership of the Fascist Party and mem-  
bership of organisations depending  
from the Catholic Action Party, is  
irreconcilable.—Reuter.

[Signor Mussolini himself was in-  
dicted in all but name, and the  
Fascist oath condemned, as illicit,  
in a vigorous encyclical in which  
the Pope, in detail, defended the  
disbanded Catholic Action organisa-  
tion, on July 4.

The Pontiff declared that the  
charges against the organisation  
were merely a pretext to tear away  
the young from the organisation  
and the Church. "This view is  
made all the more explicit by one  
who not only represents all, but can  
do all, and confirms it, in official  
and semi-official publications de-  
dicated to the young. We cannot  
be grateful to one who, after  
abolishing Socialism and anti-re-  
ligious organisations, permitted them  
to be generally readmitted, and made them stronger and more  
dangerous, since they now are  
secret and are protected by a new  
uniform."—

BANDIT OUTRAGE IN  
SHEUNG SHUI.

Carpenter Returns from  
Captivity.

NO NEWS OF MERCHANT.

More light is thrown on the sen-  
sational bandit outrage, which oc-  
curred at Sheungshui in the New  
Territories in the early hours of  
yesterday, when 24 men, armed  
with rifles and revolvers, made an  
attack on the recently constructed  
residence of Mr. Foo Chung-tak, a  
retired merchant, who took up res-  
idence there only a day before the  
outrage.

It will be recalled that after  
threatening the inmates, the rob-  
bers fled in an unknown direction,  
taking with them Mr. Foo, Mr.  
Lau Siu-ping, his son-in-law, and  
a carpenter.

Demand for Ransom.

News circulated at Police Head-  
quarters to-day is to the effect  
that the carpenter returned from  
captivity yesterday. The Police  
are anxious to take a statement  
from him, so as to give them a  
possible guide as to what route  
the brigands took in their flight.  
Nothing is known of the merchant  
and his son-in-law as yet, but  
there is the likelihood of a demand  
being made by the robbers for ran-  
som.

The loot that they decamped  
with is estimated at a little over  
\$4,000 in value.

Mr. Foo had resided in Hong  
Kong since the end of last year.

VALUABLE RUG.

Fetches 2,100 Guineas  
at Sale Room.

Rugby, Yesterday.

At Christie's sale rooms to-day a  
16th century Persian rug was sold  
for 2,100 guineas and a Persian  
carpet of the same period fetched  
3,800 guineas.—British Wireless  
Service.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

To-day's weather report from  
the Royal Observatory states:

The typhoon W. of the Baling-  
tang Channel has filled up.

The depression N. W. of  
Honol has deepened.

Forecast: S.E. winds; mo-  
derate; fair to showery.

Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram quo-  
ted below was received from the  
Manila Observatory at 11.35 a.m.—

Typhoon in about 115 de-  
grees Long. E. 20 degrees Lat.  
N. moving W.

Rainfall for 24 hours end-  
ed at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.77 inch.

Total since January 1—38.84  
inches against an average of  
42.82 inches—deficit 3.88  
inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain  
specified centres this morning  
at 8 o'clock was:

Hong Kong	80
Macao	79
Pratas Island	83
Manila	77
Foochow	82
Amoy	83
Chefoo	70
Shanghai	77

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sentative, has moved to the city  
according to the monthly letter of  
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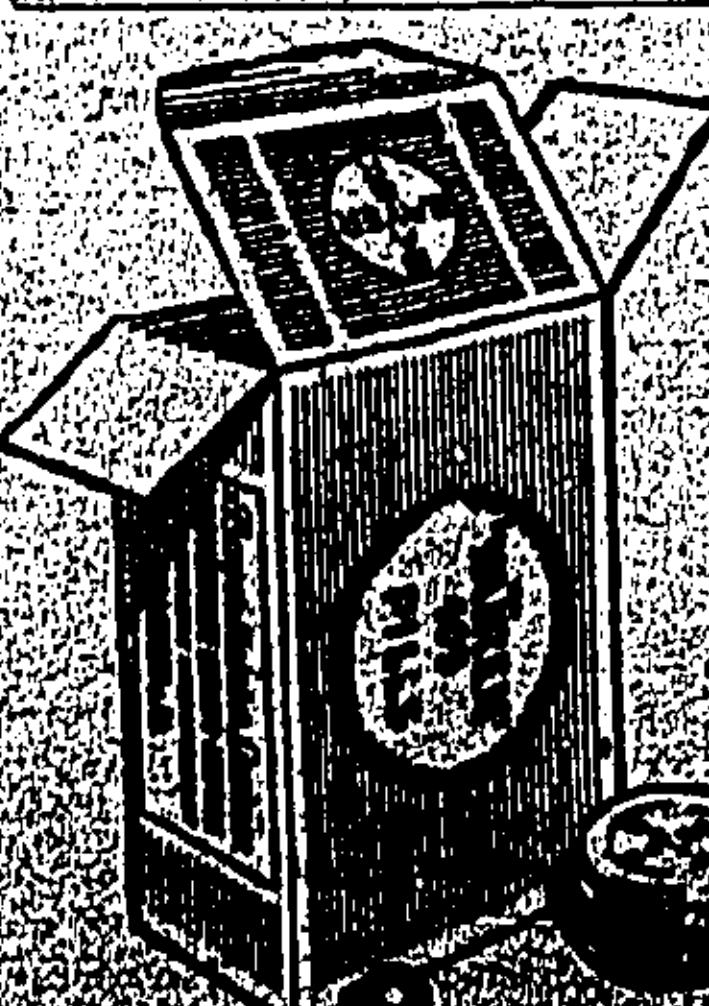
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